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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HABIB

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PBOR, GT, UK, BH

SUBJECT: TORRIJOS'S WILLINGNESS TO PRESS PRICE
ON A SOLUTION

AMBASSADOR IS INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM UNDER SECRETARY HABIB:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR TED: OUR AMBASSADOR IN PANAMA
HAS BEEN INFORMED BY GENERAL TORRIJOS THAT TORRIJOS
IS WILLING TO "GO ALL OUT" IN PURSUIT OF A BELIZE
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SOLUTION. TORRIJOS PLANS TO SEND HIS PERSONAL AIRPLANE
TO BELIZE ON NOVEMBER 17 OR 18 TO PICK UP PRICE AND
BRING HIM TO PANAMA. TORRIJOS IS PREPARED TO PUSH
PRICE TO ACCEPT THE COMPROMISE SOLUTION WHICH YOU
HAVE NEGOTIATED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA.

TORRIJOS, HOWEVER, TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR THAT HE

BELIEVED THERE WERE THREE CRUCIAL PREREQUISITES TO SUCCESS OF THE COMPROMISE ARRANGEMENT: (A) THAT THE MEXICANS ARE NOT GOING TO "MESS AROUND" BY PRESSING THEIR LATENT CLAIM TO BELIZE, (B) THAT PRICE WILL BE ABLE TO COUNT ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR A NEWLY INDEPENDENT BELIZE, AND (C) THAT THE GUATEMALAN CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS FOR RATIFICATION WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR JORDEN TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO GENERAL TORRIJOS ON THE POINTS HE HAS RAISED:

A. RATIFICATION BY GUATEMALA: FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA HAS ASSURED US THAT THE GUATEMALAN COUNCIL OF STATE AND CONGRESS WOULD RATIFY THE SOLUTION WHICH HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY AGREED UPON. WE BELIEVE THAT LAUGERUD WOULD SUCCEED IN THE RATIFICATION EFFORT.

B. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: WE WOULD BE FULLY PREPARED TO PROVIDE AN INDEPENDENT BELIZE WITH SOME ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, SUBJECT OF COURSE TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.

C. MEXICAN CLAIM: WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE ASSURANCES ON WHAT MEXICO WILL DO WITH REGARD TO ITS LATENT CLAIM, AND THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT
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MEXICO WOULD FEEL OBLIGATED TO AT LEAST RAISE THE ISSUE, BUT WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS MEXICO WOULD PROBABLY NOT PRESS ITS CLAIM, IF BELIZE IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT A TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT.

WE ARE INSTRUCTING OUR AMBASSADOR IN MEXICO TO SEEK ASSURANCES FROM ROEL IN THIS REGARD. WE SUGGEST YOU DEFER YOUR PROPOSED TRIP TO MEXICO UNTIL YOU HEAR FURTHER FROM US. SINCERELY, PHIL. END TEXT. VANCE

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